targets are decided by the State Governments.

Subsidy of Diesel

1899. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH:: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although the diesel prices have been halved, the oil pool account is stuck with a Rs. 1,980 crores gap in the form of a subsidy on diesel, if so, the manner in which Government propose to cope up with the situation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Rs. 50,000 crores, which were transferred to the Public Accounts Deposit in 1989, i.e. from the Oil Board into the general budget, would have to be returned to bridge the gap; if so, the justification thereof; and

(c) whether the prices of products which used to be cross-subsidised would be raised; if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Information in being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

Hydro-Electric Projects in Orissa

1900. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PAT-NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether greater .emphasis has been laid by Government on the early completion of hydra-electric projects;

(b) if so, the ongoing hydroelectric projects in Orissa and the fund alloca tions made therefor, so far;

(c) the progress of those projects; and

(d) the expected date of their completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VEN-UGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Two hydroelectric projects (above 3 MW) are under execution by Orissa Hydro Powsi Corporation Limited (OHPC) in Orissa. These are the Upper Indravati Hydroelectric Project - 600 MW (4x150 MW) and the Potteru Hydroelectric Project - 6 MW (2x3 MW). Out of the total esti-mated cost of Upper Indravati Hydroelectric Project of Rs. 1116.3 crores, an expenditure of Rs. 630 crores has been incurred upto March, 1996. A further sum of Rs. 486.3 crores is necessary for the completion of the project. For this, a loan of Rs. 320 crores is being availed from the Power Finance Corporation ai.d the balance will be spent by OHPC from its own resources and assistance of Government of Orissa. The total estimated cost of Potteru Hydroelectric Project is Rs. 18.83 crores out of which an expenditure of Rs. 13.69 crores has been incurred upto March, 1996. Another Rs. 5.14 crores is required to complete the balance works. This requirement will be met from the OHPC the assistance from the Government of Orissa.

(c) and (d) The details of progress and expected date of completion of the projects are given at Statement.

Statement

ANNEXURE

Name of the Project	Expected date of completion	Progress of the Project
1. Upper Indravati	Unit-I Sept. 1998	Most of the civil works relating to dams